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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID POPKIN (January 12, 1998)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following interrogatories of David Popkin, in accordance with Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/85 (January 7, 1998): DBP/USPS-96(a) and 98.

The interrogatories are stated verbatim and are followed by the responses.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID POPKIN**

DBP/USPS-96

Refer to your response to subpart p of DBP/USPS-6.

- (a) Since the words "to the extent practicable" are included in the rule, why wasn't your response an unqualified yes?

RESPONSE

- (a) Because that was not deemed to be the only option in responding affirmatively to the question.

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DBP/USPS-98

Refer to your response to subparts n and o of DBP/USPS-7.

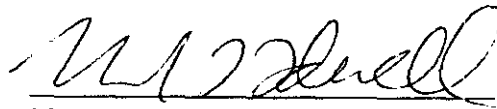
- (a) For a period of time following the change in delivery standards, did the Postal Service make a specific request to mailers for suggestions regarding changes in delivery standards?
- (b) If so, why was this practice stopped?

RESPONSE

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The solicitation was made in conjunction with the changes. It was not intended to be part of a recurring or periodic practice.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Tidwell", written over a horizontal line.

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